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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR U.S. SUPPORT IN EC TO LOWER UMR FOR
WHEAT

REF: (A) CAIRO 5691, (B) EC BRUSSELS 4098, (C) STATE 09458,
(C) USOECD PARIS 14236

1. DURING DISCUSSION GSP MATTERS WITH EMBOFF, ABD AL-HAMED SAAD, DIRECTOR, AMERICAN AFFAIRS OFFICE, MINTRADE AND SUPPLY, SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MINISTER ZAKARIA TEWFIK, PRIOR TO THE LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR LATIN AMERICA, TO APPROACH THE EMBASSY IN ORDER TO REQUEST USG SUPPORT FOR THE GOE INITIATIVE TO LOWER WHEAT UMR FROM 2.5 TO 1.6 MILLION TONS. SAAD EXPLAINED THAT EGYPTIAN EEC MISSION IN BRUSSELS HAD OFFICIALLY PRESENTED REQUEST TO EC MEMBERS ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. EC HAD REQUESTED BACK-UP STATISTICS. THESE HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED BY MINTRADE. REQUEST NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY EC MEMBERS.

2. MINISTER ZAKARIA TEWFIK, RECALLING "PROMISE" MADE BY
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CHARGE AND AGATT IN DISCUSSION APRIL 4 (CAIRO 5691), ASKED THAT USG NOW OFFICIALLY APPROACH EC AND SUPPORT EGYPTIAN REQUEST. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT USG HAD ALREADY SUPPORTED EGYPTIAN REQUEST IN A STATEMENT MADE TO EC OFFICIALS ON APRIL 26 IN WASHINGTON. EMBOFF ASKED IF MINTRADE AWARE OF THIS APPROACH. AFTER CONSULTING WITH OTHER STAFF MEMBERS, SAAD ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS MINISTRY IS AWARE OF USG APPROACH, BUT

WANTED TO BE SURE THAT USG WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ACTIVELY THE EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE. WITHOUT SUCH CONTINUING USG SUPPORT, HE FEARED, EC MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO REDUCE MRS. SAAD ALSO REQUESTED ANY READING WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE GOE ON HOW EC THINKING IS EVOLVING ON THE EGYPTIAN REQUEST TO LOWER THE WHEAT UMR.

3. UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON, WE HAVE FREQUENTLY IN THE PAST ASSURED GOE THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT ANY INITIATIVE IT MIGHT TAKE TO REDUCE WHEAT UMR. WE NOTE REF C INDICATES THAT WE HAVE SPOKEN FAVORABLY TO EC ON THE MATTER. THIS WAS A GOOD START, BUT IT REQUIRES FOLLOW UP. WE RECALL THAT, AT RECENT IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING IN PARIS, USDEL CHARIMAN WHEELER URGED ALL PARTICIPANTS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM CONCESSIONARY ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT. LOWERING OF UMR WOULD BE A STEP IN THIS DIRECTION AND ANY EFFORTS THAT WE MIGHT MAKE IN SUPPORT OF THIS OBJECTIVE WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR AVOWED POLICY OF TRYING TO STRENGTHEN SHAKY EGYPTIAN ECONOMY. IN LIGHT MINISTER ZAKARIA TWEFIK'S REQUEST, RECOMMEND THAT USMISSION IN BRUSSELS BE INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE EC CONSIDERATION OF EGYPTIAN REQUEST AND TO TAKE APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS TO URGE A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THAT REQUEST. ANY INFO WHICH WE MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ON HOW EC THINKING IS EVOLVING ON THE MATTER WOULD BE HELPFUL. EILTS

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